

British Sweep Forward in New Drive on Western Front---German Lines Riddled

HAIG TAKES FIRST POSTS IN ADVANCE NEAR YPRES

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General Correll gives figures to prove the enormous superiority of the Austrians, both in strategic situation and in the number of guns. Despite that boasted superiority the Austrians were defeated.

He points out that the Italian moves are all made according to the plans of one man and are carried out according to his best judgment.

Every Austrian move, on the contrary, is decided upon after a war council in which Emperor Charles, the Austrian high command, and representatives of the German general staff participate.

Italian Selsed Opportunities. It happens thus that the Italians are able to take advantage of every opportunity immediately and counteract with quick actions the Austrian superiority in guns and situation.

The Italian method has given Italy possession of the most formidable positions and is at present making the Italian offensive even more successful than was expected. According to General Correll, the dash of the Italian infantry has made it possible for the Italians to win over the superiority of Austrian artillery.

BRITISH ATTEMPT TO REACH GERMAN SUBMARINE BASE

LONDON, Sept. 20.—The new British thrust comes upon the heels of a savage stroke against the German positions by the French on the Verdun front, where infantry fighting raged all day Wednesday.

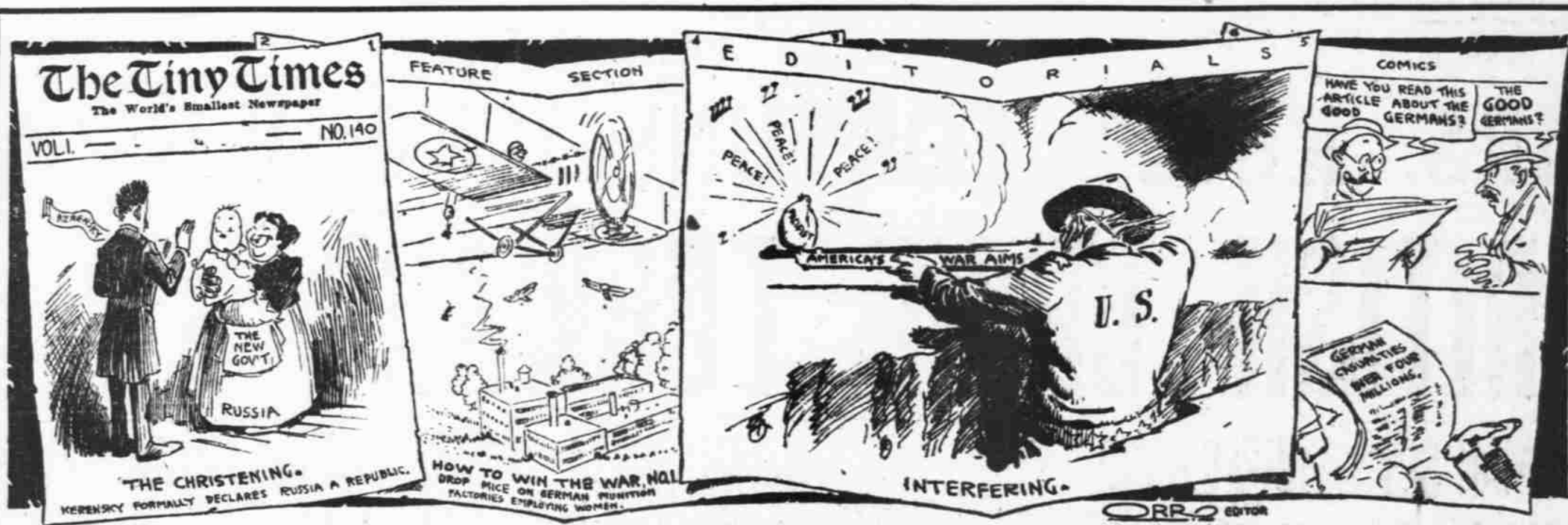
Students of military strategy believe that the ultimate goal of the British war office is to compel a general retirement of the Germans along the northern end of the west Flamingo front. If this can be achieved the German submarine base at Zeebrugge would be seriously menaced as well as the German hold on Antwerp.

Comparative quiet now exists upon the eastern, Italian, Roumanian, Macedonian and Turkish battle fronts.

ITALY NAMES COMMISSIONER.

ROME, Sept. 20.—Count V. Macchi di Cellere, Italian ambassador at Washington, has been appointed high commissioner of Italy for America.

Apparently the Italian government will not follow the example of France and England in filling such a post by a separate appointment.



BRITISH HOLD UP MAIL BOUND FOR SWEDEN'S LEGATION

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is confidently expected that the influence of the United States will be sufficient to obtain the release of the diplomatic pouches, though it is believed in many quarters that Great Britain will not permit any communication to or from Sweden until the negotiations now proceeding between the Stockholm foreign office and the Swedish ministers are ended.

Dr. Lundvohm, who comes as the new executive of the special mission recently sent by Sweden to the United States, succeeds Herman Lagergren, who left here two months ago. The general impression here has been that the commercial mission was not very successful, because of its inability to furnish the statistics desired by the Washington Government. The four diplomatic pouches detained by the British are believed to contain the very information desired by Herbert Hoover before he estimates the amount of food that Sweden can be permitted to have.

Of course Dr. Lundvohm's departure from Sweden reflects the recent revelations of irregularity in cable communication between Argentina and Germany makes him unfamiliar with what has taken place in connection with that phase of the general controversy between Sweden and the entente powers, but he is of such prominence in his own country that undoubtedly he will consult with Minister Ekström, who is expected back in Washington in two or three days, about the entire question of better relations between the United States and Sweden. If it should be impossible for the Swedish diplomats to communicate with Stockholm in cipher, the mission probably is doomed to fail, and the efforts of Swedish officials here to bring about a better understanding will come to naught.

Secretary Lansing has stated that the mere fact that some of the officials in the Stockholm foreign office are accused of complicity in the sending of messages to Germany did not mean that the United States Government must cease to deal with the present government of Sweden. Its Velasco Morris, the American minister to Sweden, is in constant touch with high officials of the Swedish government, and the impression here is that Sweden intends to take corrective measures that will leave no doubt of her good faith and neutrality hereafter.

How You Can Quickly Remove Hairy Growths

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A well known beauty specialist advises this treatment for the removal of hair from the face. Mix into a paste some powdered salicylic acid and water. Apply to hairy surface after about 2 minutes rub off, wash the skin and every trace of hair has vanished. This method is quick and entirely safe. To avoid disappointment, however, it is well to make certain you get genuine delatone.—Advt.

LOYAL RUSSIANS KILL OFFICERS TO AVENGE KERENSKY

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There they threw them into the water, and while they swam desperately for the shore Russian soldiers dived at the helpless officers.

A great crowd gathered. Women fainted at the sickening cruelty. A panic ensued on the packed bridge, and many were injured in frantic struggles to reach the banks again. For half an hour this target practice at the officers continued. Then most of them were either killed or overcome with their wounds, or exhausted by their efforts to keep afloat.

In some incredible way Colonel Kerenky managed to reach the pier. There he climbed up. A group of infuriated soldiers confronted him. He drew his revolver and fired, killing several of his men. Then a great Russian soldier struck out his brains with an iron rod.

I personally visited Viborg on my way to Stockholm. The details as written above were attested by numerous witnesses. I saw troops dredging the river underneath the bridge, seeking the bodies of the officers they had murdered. They had recovered seven bodies.

One colonel, I was told, was found at his home, dining with his family, by a group of soldiers, half insane with anger at the German inspired report of the officers' alleged refusal to aid Kerensky. The colonel was seized and his neck half severed as he stood before his family.

Colonel Djunin, of the Cosacks, was found dead in the woods, killed by soldiers—another victim of German agents preying on the Russian troops, loyalty to Kerensky.

DEPOSIT BOX OF MRS. KING IS FOUND STRIPPED

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While here Means visited the garage and talked with the owners about the \$9,000 Fiat automobile of Mrs. King that she left there a few days before her death.

While here Means let it be known that Mrs. King's entire estate has been turned over to her sister, Mrs. Mary C. Melvin, to whom it was bequeathed in what is alleged to be Mrs. King's last will.

Mrs. Melvin is ill at the Means' home in Concord, suffering from nervous collapse.

"HAVE STAKED LIFE ON PROPOSITION," MEANS TOLD BROTHER

NEW YORK, Sept. 20.—"I am staking my life on the proposition I am working on."

This is a sentence from a letter written by Gaston B. Means, and found in his Park avenue apartment when John T. Dooling, assistant district attorney, raided it shortly after the killing of Mrs. Maude A. King, at Concord, N. C., on August 29 last.

The letter, written when Means was in Chicago looking up the second will of Mrs. King's husband, provisions of which gave \$2,000,000 or more additional to his widow, was addressed to Afton Means, his brother.

Afton Means, with Henry Dietrich, Gaston's business agent, were examined by Mr. Dooling for five hours yesterday. Previous to the examination of the two men, Mr. Dooling, with several assistants, went to the New Netherlands Bank to open a safe deposit box rented by Mrs. King. This box, one of the largest obtainable, and once said to have held more than \$600,000 of gilt-edged securities, contained nothing but a broken rubber band.

From officials of the bank Mr. Dooling learned that on Mrs. King's last visit to the safe deposit box she was accompanied by a man whose description tallies with that of her confidential agent, Mr. Dooling is investigating all the sales and transfers of securities held by Mrs. King and all checks signed either by her or any of the people surrounding her.

Staked Life, He Writes. Some leads have been furnished by the correspondence, seized in the Means apartments. But of all this correspondence, the most significant, in the opinion of the local authorities, is the letter in which Means said he was staking his life on an important proposition. This letter reads, in part:

"I want you to understand, and to understand clearly, that I would say nothing to you about this matter if (—) had not received a letter this morning from (—) that may lead him to return to New York City, and in such a case it would interfere at once with my plans. . . . I am in the midst of the fight of my life and the result of my success or failure means the future success or failure of myself, Julie (his wife), my baby, yourself, (—), (—), (—). I am staking my life now on the success of the proposition I am working on."

The letter named the five other persons who would be benefited by Means' proposition, but they were withheld from the authorities.

This letter, it was said at the district attorney's office, will play an important part in the proceedings at Concord next week.

Got Mrs. King's Mail. From Afton Means, Mr. Dooling yesterday obtained the admission that Gaston had given him specific instructions to forward all mail addressed to Mrs. King and Mrs. Mary C. Melvin, her sister. These instructions were given to Afton just before his brother, Mrs. King, and the others of the party started for Chicago on their way to Concord. These instructions he followed.

New York, Chicago, and North Carolina authorities investigating the shooting of Mrs. King have arranged to hold a joint conference on Saturday with Federal agents in Concord or Charlotte, N. C.

The meeting will be held to decide what steps the authorities will take at the inquest, to be reopened at Concord on Monday, and what witnesses and documentary evidence will be produced.

A new and important witness to the New York investigation into the relations of Gaston B. Means and the financial affairs of Mrs. King was unearthed yesterday by District Attorney Swann. This man is an old sweetheart of Mrs. King. It was admitted last night that Mrs. King had met this man a few weeks before she was shot, after a lapse of years, and that an old romance was renewed.

Mysterious "W. R. P." Located. The mysterious "W. R. P." of the speculative ventures in cotton goods unearthed recently in Gaston Means' accounts by the prosecutor, was last night identified by Mr. Dooling as William R. Patterson, now at Concord, N. C. Mr. Dooling said:

"He is the father of Julie Patterson Means, wife of Gaston, and for upward of two years has been engaged actively with Gaston in his work in New York, Chicago, and elsewhere. He is the same individual in whose name was carried speculative accounts with Chicago brokers and through whom cotton speculation losses of over \$100,000 were paid in January and February last by checks of Gaston. The records indicate he was very active in obtaining evidence upon which the alleged second King will was to be probated."

Mr. Dooling learned a white invisible ink was bought by Henry Dietrich, and discovered a remnant of tracing cloth through which signatures could be traced. In connection with this he found a fine photographic outfit which had been used. Specimens of this invisible ink are to be examined today when they arrive from Chicago, by handwriting experts who are studying certain documents.

Letter to Patterson. These excerpts are from a letter by Gaston Means to W. R. Patterson: "You must bear in mind that there is a very important matter pending that has not only taken a great deal of your money and mine, but which I am reluctant to advise you will call for more money, and which means that I want you to hold yourself ready for a further remittance of a considerable amount, equal possibly to what you have already paid in."

There was another letter in the handwriting of Gaston Means to Mr. Patterson, instructing him to work

with an unnamed man in preparing claims that could be used as arguments to convince a person in Chicago. Mr. Dooling said last night he had direct word from Concord, contradicting published stories that Mrs. Melvin is ill.

"I am informed that she has right along since the shooting maintained a perfect poise that was never shaken," he added.

Means Cited For Contempt. Judge James E. Boyd, of the United States Circuit Court at Greensboro, signed an order citing Gaston B. Means to show cause why he should not be judged in contempt of court.

Means must appear Tuesday at Greensboro.

Means had refused to turn over to agents of the Central Bank and Trust Company of Asheville money and property belonging to the late Maude A. King. The trust company is receiver of Mrs. King's estate.

GALLINGER WIRES SENATE HE KNOWS NOTHING OF MEANS

Senator Gallinger of New Hampshire, whose name is one of those contained in a list of public men on a memorandum found in the papers of Gaston B. Means, sent a telegram to the Vice President, which was read in the Senate this afternoon, in which Mr. Gallinger denied any knowledge of Means, and also said that he courted an investigation, if any one deemed the matter of sufficient importance.

The memorandum of Means contained a list of "Republicans and Progressives to see."

Senator Gallinger, in his message to Vice President Marshall, which was sent from Concord, N. H., last night, said:

"My attention having been called to the fact that my name, as well as that of many other public men, is being used in connection with a certain paper found in the possession of one Gaston Means, I wish to say that if any one thinks it of sufficient importance to have the matter investigated, I trust that the Senate will take prompt action to look into it."

"I know nothing whatever that can possibly throw light on the subject, but, nevertheless, will court an investigation, if one is thought necessary or desirable. Please have this read in open Senate."

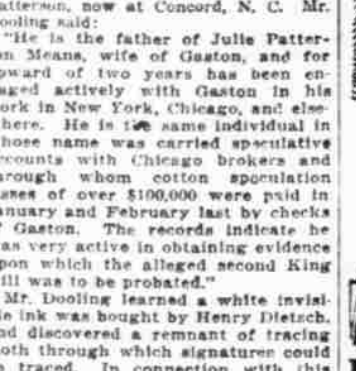
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Senate to Ignore Story. Every member of the Senate or House who is in the city whose name appeared in the Means memorandum has denied any information concerning Means other than that in the newspaper and what witnesses and documentary evidence will be produced.

The Senate will take no notice of the matter.

STANCHES OWN LIFE BLOOD.

CUMBERLAND, Md., Sept. 20.—Making a tourney with strings from the shoe on an amputated leg, W. W. Thomas, Baltimore and Ohio brakeman, of Keyser, who lay for several hours last night without aid, saved his own life by staying the flow of blood.



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RUSSIA STRONGER, IN WAR TO FINISH, LANSING IS TOLD

That the Russian republic may demand the respect and confidence of the United States more than ever before is the purpose of a formal report by Ambassador Kakhmeteff to Secretary Lansing today. The outstanding features of the Russian's statement to this Government are:

Russia's future is secure. Her army, considered an incalculable factor before the Kerensky revolt is now the strongest bulwark of the republic.

The Bolshevik favoring immediate international peace negotiations, have reached the zenith of their power after being temporarily strengthened by concessions from Kerensky during the recent crisis.

The Pan-Russian Soldiers and Workmen's convention in Petrograd Sunday will curtail Lenin's sudden assumption of powers over the Petrograd council.

A more favorable military situation exists now than at any time since Korniloff's ill-fated Galician drive. Absolute denial of any demand for a separate peace between Russia and Germany.

The Bolsheviks are for peace among all nations—not a peace with Germany alone. Reports emanating from Washington early this week that Russia was talking separate peace were branded at the embassy as "malicious falsehoods" with a "pro-German tinge."

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'SMOKERS' CENSUS OF ARMY ORDERED BY SEC'Y BAKER

By order of Secretary Baker a census of the army will be taken to find out what proportion of the troops are users of tobacco.

Congressman Kinchloe of Kentucky has urged Secretary Baker to make tobacco a part of the army ration. Mr. Kinchloe maintains that by far the larger part of the men are addicted to its use. Secretary Baker has told him that if 75 per cent are found to be addicted, tobacco will be made a part of the ration.

Quartermaster General Sharpe is in favor of adding tobacco to the ration, and he has found that 88 per cent of the officers and men of the regular service are users of the weed. What proportion of the national guard and the conscript army use it is conjectural.

General Sharpe favors the idea, but the general staff is opposed to it, partly because it thinks that it would create discontent among the non-users and partly because General Pershing fears that inasmuch as the American army is better paid now than most of the allies any addition of such an article as tobacco to the ration would be inadvisable.

\$125,000 STEEL PLANT FIRE.

TRENTON, N. J., Sept. 20.—The machinery building at the local plant of the Eastern Steel Company was destroyed by fire today. The loss is estimated at \$125,000.

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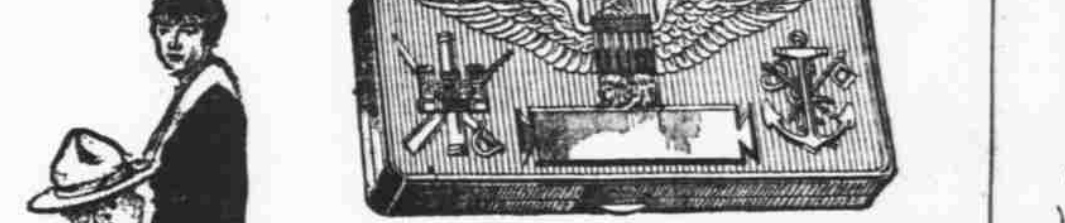
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